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LOW-FIRING TEMPERATURE METHOD FOR)	
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~14~~ wherein the magnesia powder precursor is magnesium carbonate.